Minimum Support Prices, procurement by public agencies, intensification of research efforts etc., so as.to increase production and productivity of rice in the country.

NCDC loans for Co-operatives

3147. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Co-operative Development Co-operation proposed that for extending loans, preferential treatment would be given to States, which undertook co-operative reforms;

(b) if so, the details of reforms and the States yet to introduce reforms in co-operative laws;

(c) the number of co-operatives in rural areas, State-wise, category-wise;

(d) the details of financial assistance sanctioned to co-operatives by NCDC during the last three years, especially in rural areas, year-wise, State-wise, separately;

(e) whetherltiCDC can sanction funds directly to co-operatives; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)The required information is at Statement-I. (Seebelow)

(d)The required details are at Statement-ll. (See below)

(e)Yes Sir.

(f) As a result of passage of the NCDC (Amendment) Act, 2002, (No. 45 of 2002), NCDC can sanction funds directly to cooperatives without Government guarantees subject to the furnishing of security by the borrowing cooperative society to the satisfaction of NCDC. The NCDC guidelines for direct funding are given at Statement-Ill.

Statement-I

State-wise, category-wise number of Co-operatives in rural areas, as on 31.3.2000.

SlNo.	States/UTs	Category	No. of societies
1.	Andhra Pradesh	PACS*	4607
		Irrigation Coop.	228
		Fisheries Coop.	3646
		Dairy Coops.	5167
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	PACS*	31
		Fisheries Coop.	4
		Dairy Coops.	9
3.	Assam	PACS*	707
		PACRDB#	27
		Fisheries Coop.	336
		Dairy Coops.	302
4.	Bihar	PACS*	6482
		Fisheries Coop.	532
		Dairy Coops.	3371
5.	Gujarat	PACS*	8043
		Irrigation Coop.	1551
		Fisheries Coop.	511
		Diary Coops.	10606
6.	Haryana	PACS*	2322
		FACRDB*	84
		Irrigation Coop.	50
		Fisheries Coop.	59
		Dairy Coops.	3305
7.	Himachal Pradesh	PACS*	2119
		FACRDB#	13
		Irrigation Coop.	20
		Fisheries Coop.	32
		Dairy Coops.	278
8.	J&K	PACS*	381
9.	Karnataka	PACS*	4341

Sl.No.	State/Uts	Category	No. of societies
		PACRDB#	177
		Irrigation Coop.	493
		Fisheries Coop.	311
		Dairy Coops.	8480
10.	Kerala	PACS*	1590
		PACRDB#	130
		Irrigation Coop.	14
		Fisheries Coop.	292
		Dairy Coops.	2331
11.	Madhya Pradesh	PACS*	5766
		PACRDB#	483
		Irrigation Coop.	79
		Fisheries Coop.	1363
		Dairy Coops.	4785
12.	Maharashtra	PACS"	20326
		Irrigation Coop.	4433
		Fisheries Coop.	2188
		Dairy Coop.	21064
13.	Meghalaya	PACS*	180
		Fisheries Coop.	65
		Dairy Coops.	52
14.	Manipur	PACS*	191
		Fisheries Coop.	182
		Dairy Coops.	163
15.	Mizoram	PACS*	656
		Fisheries Coop.	36
		Dairy Coops.	27
16.	Nagaland	PACS*	447
		Fisheries Coop.	243
		Dairy Coops.	66
17.	Orissa	PACS*	2813
		PACRDB#	57
		Irrigation Coop.	65

SI.No.	State/Uts	Category	No. of societies
		Fisheries Coop.	462
		Dairy Coops.	1353
18.	Punjab	PACS*	4214
		PACRBD#	79
		Irrigation Coop.	77
	-	Fisheries Coop.	4
		Dairy Coops.	6566
19.	Rajasthan	PACS*	5319
		PACRDB#	159
		Irrigation Coop.	61
		Fisheries Coop	107
		Dairy Coops.	6375
20.	Tamil Nadu	PACS*	4585
		PACRDB#	181
		Irrigation Coop.	32
		Fisheries Coop.	675
		Dairy Coops.	9931
21.	Tripura	PACS*	213
		Fisheries Coop.	133
		Dairy Coops.	105
22.	Uttar Pradesh	PACS*	8929
		Fisheries Coop.	759
		Dairy Coops.	15025
23.	West Bengal	PACS*	8968
		PACRDB#	80
		Irrigation Coop.	224
		Fisheries Coop.	1072
		Dairy Coops.	1575
24.	Andman & Nicobar	PACS*	45
	Islands	Fisheries Coop.	44
		Dairy Coops.	15
25.	Delhi	PACS*	42
		Fisheries Coop.	2
		Dairy Coops.	46

S.No.	State/Uts	Category	No. of societies
26.	Goa	PACS* Irrigation Coop. Fisheries Coop. Dairy Coops.	89 43 12 157
27.	Pondicherry	PACS* Irrigation Coop. Fisheries Coop. Dairy Coops.	53 5 37 91
28.	Chandigarh	PACS*	336
29.	Sikkim	PACS* Dairy Coops.	1 174
30.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	PACS* Irrigation Coop. Dairy Coops	8 1 7
31.	Daman & Diu	PACS* Fisheries Coop. Dairy Coops.	13 6 1
32.	Lakshadweep	Fisheries Coop.	4

•Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies.
Primary Agricultural Co-operative Rural Development Bank.
(SOURCE OF DATA: National Co-operative Union of India (NCUI), New Delhi.

Statement II

State-wise assistance by NCDC from 1999-2000 *to* 2001 -02

(Rs. in crores)

State/UT	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001- •02	
	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released
A & N Islands	0.116	0.057	0.000	0.062	0.000	0.058
Andhra Pradesh	25.401	16.613	36.644	20.834	23.150	34.017
Arunachal Pradesh	0.058	0.244	21.692	2.582	0.000	6.897

State/UT	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-02	
	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released
Assam	25.898	6.042	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.020
Bihar	40.165	17.989	1.133	5.000	20.905	19.770
Chhattisgarh	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.979
Dadar & Nagat Haveli	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	25.200	0.000
Daman & Diu	1.360	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.408
Delhi	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.000
Goa	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.700	0.000
Gujarat	14.325	23.548	1.649	5.865	4.290	15.106
Haryana	1.255	1.821	1.748	2.131	90.707	11.868
Himachal Pradesh	i 14.737	17.381	8.662	4.708	0.080	2.275
Jharkhand	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.352
Karnataka	72.185	40.927	89.832	83.736	74.656	67.574
Kerala	31^582	56.082	69.710	69.041	88.196	51.615
Madhya Pradesh	66.807	47.714	30.630	36.636	39.466	9.231
Maharashtra	141.074	130.817	362.786	230.489	396.396	306.760
Manipur	0.714	0.060	24.659	6.975	0.000	0.009
Meghalya	10.649	3.609	0.030	0.041	6.746	6.109
Mizoram	0.015	1.318	0.603	0.113	0.196	0.974
Nagaland	6.452	3.427	18.311	9.808	0.000	6.378
Orissa	0.100	1.007	1.026	1.988	15.500	4.273
Punjab	10.271	2.948	80.329	80.289	0.000	0.000
Rajasthan	1.790	6.550	0.146	9.120	7.337	10.393
Tamil Nadu	0.000	12.842	22.698	23.596	116.649	94.624
Tripura	1.666	0.069	0.000	0.416	0.000	0.000
Uttar Pradesh	46.297	30.467	3.170	10.931	6.316	6.694
Uttaranchal	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.909	12.278
West Bengal	72.275	34.367	38.423	39.584	67.973	46.954

NOTE: Amounts released also pertain to projects sanctioned during earlier years.

Statement III

Guidelines for direct funding by NCDC

A. CRITERIA FOR DIRECT FUNDING:

1. **Eligibility criteria:**

(i) NCDC may extent direct assistance to existing cooperative societies in operation for not less than three years.

(ii) Routing of NCDC assistance will be as follows:

(a) Projects of Rs. 10 lakhs and above but not exceeding Rs. 5 crores, subject to the eligibility criteria, may be considered for direct funding.

(b) NCDC assistance other than (a) above would continue to be routed through State Governments or directly against Government guarantees. Even with regard to (a) above, the assistance may be routed through the State Government or directly against Government guarantee at the willingness of the State Government.

(c) In exceptional cases, for the cooperatives which are financially very strong, have good track record of operations and credit worthiness, projects above Rs. 5 crores (including working capital loan) may be considered for direct funding with the approval of the Board.

(d) Multi-state cooperatives would continue to be assisted directly, subject to the eligibility criteria, irrespective of the amount involved.

(iii) The society should have positive net-worth, not less than 100% of paid-up share capital *i.e.* there should be no erosion in the paid-up share capital.

(iv) The society should not have any cash losses during last three years and there should be net profit in at least two of previous three years.

(v) The debt equity ratio will normally be 65:35, depending on economic viability of the project.

(vi) Value of assets to be mortgaged to NCDC as security against the loans should have adequate security margin, normally not less than 1.5 times. (Shortfall in the security may be made good by way of guarantee of a scheduled bank or. an FDR endorsed in favour of NCDC).

(vii) Working capital loans to cooperative societies/federations may be secured by hypothecation of stocks/debtors/other assets, keeping a minimum margin of 20%. If considered necessary, NCDC may

ask for additional security of first or second charge on the fixed assets.

(viii) If considered necessary, the society may be asked to open an Escrow account with a scheduled bank/state coop, bank/distt. coop, bank in which part of sale proceeds will be deposited for servicing NCDC loan. In case Escrow account is opened with a distt. coop, bank, its financial position may be ascertained.

(ix) Audit of accounts should be complete upto previous year within 6 months of close of the financial year. In cases where audit is undertaken by Government auditors and it is not complete, in such cases accounts audited by Chartered Accountant's firm will be submitted.

(x) The society seeking NCDC assistance, or any other society on which directors of this society have been directors, should not have any major default in repayment of loans to NCDC/banks/financial institutions.

(xi) NCDC, at its discretion, may ask for additional securities by way of one or more of the following:

— Government guarantee.

— Guarantee of a scheduled bank.

— Personal guarantee of the Directors and collateral security.

2. New co-operative societies:

The co-operative societies, which are not in operation for more than three years, will normally be assisted through State Govts. However, such co-operatives in exceptional cases may be considered for direct funding, if in addition to the eligibility criteria indicated in para 1 above (as applicable), following additional securities are made available:

(i) Government guarantee or Guarantee of a scheduled bank.

(ii) Personal guarantee of the Directors and collateral security, if considered necessary.

3. Releases:

(i) NCDC will consider release of 25% ways & means advance only

after the society has raised 50% and utilized 40% of equity portion of the project by way of members/State Govt, share capital and internal accruals.

(ii) As per existing procedure, subsequent releases will normally be considered based on the expenditure incurred and committed expenses for one month as certified by a Chartered Accountant. For the projects involving NCDC assistance above Rs. 10 crores or as decided by MD, NCDC, such certification may be carried out by a Chartered Accountant from the panel approved by NCDC.

4. Processing Fee:

Processing fee shall be charged for NCDC sanctions above Rs. 50 lakhs @ 0.5% of the sanctioned amount, not exceeding Rs. 2.50 lakhs (0.5% of Rs. 5 crores) in ech case.

5. Repayments:

Loans for directly assisted projects are repayable in quarterly or half yearly instalments. Loans released to State Governments would continue to be repaid in annual instalments.

6. Funding through State/distt. **coop, banks:**

Funding in consortium with or through State/district co-operative banks or RRB's or scheduled banks may be considered if required. For this purpose, credit worthiness of the banks may be assessed.

7. Rate of Interest:.

	Effective rate of interest*
(a) Releases through State Governments (at annual rests)	11.5%
(b) Releases to the co-operative societies directly with or without Government guarantee (at quarterly or half yearly rests)	
(i) Weaker Section Programmes	12.0%
(ii) Other Programmes	12.5%
(c) Working capital loan of Rs. 20 crores & above for the society/federation having business turnover above Rs. 300 crores	at SBMTER +0 to 0.75%

*Applicable on payment of instalments on or before due date.

Note:

(i) In case payment of the instalment is not received on or before due date, normal rate (effective+1%) would be applicable.

(ii) Penal rate of interest in case of default will continue @2.5% above normal rate.

(iii) At present, SBMTLR is 11.25%

(iv) Interest will be charged as applicable at the time of release of funds.

(v) Revised rates shall be effective *w.e.f.* 1.12.2002. Interest rates are subject to change from time to time.

Kharif crop production

3148. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimate of Kharif crop output this season;

(b) what was the total production of this crop last year;

(c) the causes of downfall this year; and

(d) steps taken to increase production in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV): (a) and (b)The all-India estimates of production of rice, coarse cereals, oilseeds, cotton, jute & mesta and sugarcane during the kharif seasons 2001 -02 and 2002-03 are given below:

(In million tonnes)

	2001-2002*	2002-03*	Change in 2002-03 over 2001-02
Rice	79.36	66.86	-12.50
Coarse Cereals	27.06	19.54	-7.52
Oilseeds®	13.20	9.89	-3.31
Cotton#	11.69	9.08	-2.61